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SUBJ: PAGING EQUIPMENT FOR SEVERANCE HOSPITAL: RESPONSE TO US
CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

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1. REFTEL REPORTED VIEWS OF DR KIM HYO-KYU, VICE PRESIDENT
FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS AT SEVERANCE HOSPITAL, ON PROBLEMS INVOLVED
IN STALLATION OF PAGING SYSTEM AT HOSPITAL. DR KIM
DESCRIBED SYSTEM AS CAPABLE OF BROADCASTING 500 KM, THUS
PLACING LARGE PORTION OF NORTH KOREA WITHIN RADIUS OF
POTENTIAL CALLS.

2. EMBOFF TOOK COPY OF PAGING SYSTEM'S TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS
WITH HIM AFTER LEAVING INTERVIEW WITH DR KIM. US GOVT
COMMUNICATIONS ADVISER REVIEWED THOSE SPECIFICATIONS. IN
HIS VIEW, EQUIPMENT'S MOST LIKELY AUDIBLE RANGE WOULD BE
25 MILES ALTHOUGH IT COULD REACH 40 MILES IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES.
FORTY MILES WOULD BRING DMZ AND LOWER FRINGES OF NORTH KOREA
INTO RANGE.

3. IT IS EVIDENT THAT BOTH DR KIM OF SEVERANCE AND MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS (VIEWS AS PRESENTED BY DR KIM)
ENTERTAIN EXAGGERATED VIEWS OF CAPABILITY OF EQUIPMENT
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INVOLVED. HOWEVER, HOSPITAL AND MINISTRY STILL HAVE
REAL PROBLEM OF FINDING WAY OF INSTALLING EQUIPMENT WHICH
WILL MEET HOSPITAL'S NEEDS WITHOUT INCLUDING ANY NORTH
KOREAN TERRITORY IN BROADCAST RANGE. EMBASSY WILL
CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DR KIM'S PROGRESS ON THIS MATTER.
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